

PARK ROW CORNER IS BUSIEST IN CITY

More People Pass Site of Old Sun Building Week Days Than Any Other Spot.

RECORD KEPT BY POLICE

The busiest spot in New York, the spot where most persons pass to and from every week day, is Park Row at the corner of the old Sun building, in front of the present home of the Sun. Between the hours of 8:20 A. M. and 6:30 P. M. the daily average of pedestrians counted at this corner is 298,700 and of vehicles 6,700.

The figures are taken from a chart at Police Headquarters. With a view to adjusting the traffic division of the police force in conformity with varying needs, Commissioner Woods on November 1 instructed Deputy Commissioner Dunham and Inspector Thomas Myers to have their men count for twenty-five days the movements of the city's population at 61 points where members of the traffic division are stationed. Equipped with hand compasses the policemen began their task on November 5 and finished it on November 30. They endeavored to keep tally of every pedestrian and every vehicle that passed their posts, but did not count passengers on trolley cars.

The chart at Headquarters records the results of this work and the daily averages that were struck. The Commissioner now knows exactly where traffic is heaviest at any given hour. Inspector Myers is able to shift his men from point to point as they are needed, as congestion in the streets moves from center to center according to the time of day. The innovation is an aid to efficiency.

It was found that the average daily traffic at all the 61 points where the count was made amounted to 15,545,742 pedestrians and 2,318,714 vehicles. Next to Park Row and Frankfort street, the busiest corner was Broadway and Fulton street—23,000 pedestrians and 10,300 vehicles a day. South of Fulton street 120,000 persons cross Broadway daily. Times Square is well down on the list, with 30,370 pedestrians and 19,650 vehicles. The liveliest uptown corner is 17th avenue and Twenty-third street, where the number of pedestrians is 159,320 and of vehicles 9,645.

Other averages are: Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, 10,340 pedestrians, 14,360 vehicles. Columbus Circle at Central Park entrance, 32,210 vehicles, 41,990 pedestrians. Vehicular traffic is heaviest at this point.

Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street, 18,150 pedestrians, 17,830 vehicles. Seventh avenue and 125th street, 40,110 pedestrians, 16,565 vehicles. Third avenue and 140th street, 59,640 pedestrians, 7,344 vehicles.

RUHLENDER TO RETIRE.

Will Cease to Be Member of Speyer & Co. on Jan. 1.

It became known in Wall Street yesterday that Henry Ruhlender will retire from active business and will cease to be a partner of Speyer & Co. on January 1. Jesse Hirschman, who has been connected with the firm for many years, will be admitted to partnership on that date.

It is understood that Mr. Ruhlender will continue to represent the firm on various boards and will occupy one of the rooms in the Speyer Building.

N. Y. TRAFFIC COPS BEST, SAYS EXPERT

Chicago Judge of Country's Only Automobile Court Praises Mounted Squad.

HERE TO TAKE LESSONS

Judge Joseph Sabath of Chicago, the presiding Magistrate of the only court in the north that tries nothing but automobile cases, is in New York studying the traffic situation. Judge Sabath spent yesterday in company with Police Inspector Thomas Myers of the traffic and marine division in touring the city and watching the traffic conditions in the congested parts of town and sitting on the bench with Magistrate Frothingham in the Yorkville police court while cases of traffic violations were being tried.

Judge Sabath told newspaper men that the traffic conditions in New York were excellent. He had the greatest praise for the traffic policemen and said that in his experience he has never seen traffic handled with more efficiency.

"During all our trip," said the Judge, "every policeman was working every minute of his time and I saw some difficult tangles straightened out by these policemen, who showed me that they were traffic experts. In no place is traffic handled any better than New York."

Judge Sabath explained that in Chicago the city Magistrates each took a particular court and sat there all the time. Last year he decided 20,000 cases of traffic violations.

"This year," he said, "I think that there will be many less. I have formed a 'Safety First Brigade.' In that brigade I invite the membership of all automobile drivers who are arraigned before me. If they desire to join, I swear them to duty as my aids and ask them never to speed again."

"These men then become a great help to me, for every violation that they see where no policeman is present to serve a summons they write me about. I then find out who the owner of the automobile is and write him a personal letter asking him to call at my chambers. There I ask him about the alleged violation and invite him to become a member of the brigade."

"A 'Safety First Brigade' I am very severe and once a man is convicted by me his license is revoked. Third offenders are also forbidden to drive again in the State of Illinois, for the Secretary of State gives me his absolute backing and if I recommend the revoking of a license it is done."

When asked if he thought that the system of finger printing each offender of the speed laws was practical he replied that in his opinion it was not and that the type of man who violates the traffic laws does not need finger prints to find out his record.

AGED SISTERS' DEATHS CLOSE.

Mrs. Mary Meyer Dies After Miss Stonebank at Jamaica.

Mrs. Mary Meyer, 60 years old, died yesterday in her home, 1 Ayling avenue, Jamaica, of pneumonia, three days after the death of her sister, Miss Truella Stonebank, aged 58 years, of the same disease. During the two weeks they were ill neither knew of the other's illness.

The sisters were born at College Point, L. I., their father, Joseph Stonebank, having been a prominent builder there. Later they went to Bermuda, where they acquired much property and became largely interested in a big hotel. Mrs. Meyer's husband, William, died four years ago. She leaves two sons, William and Edgar Meyer of Bermuda. Another sister, Mrs. Isabel Stunkel of Raleigh, N. C., and a brother, Joseph W. Stonebank of Long Island City, also survive.

JERSEY GRAND JURY FOR SUNDAY MOVIES

Goes on Record in Presentment as Declaring Blue Law "a Legal Absurdity."

POLICE TO KEEP LID ON

The Hudson county, N. J., Grand Jury for the September term, which was discharged with the thanks of the court on Friday, went on record in a presentment as declaring that the Jersey blue law "is a legal absurdity" in so far as its application to moving picture shows on Sundays is concerned.

This conclusion was reached after the jury had voted not to indict several movie men against whom the Jersey City police had made complaints for exhibiting films on Sunday.

The jury even went so far as to tell Supreme Court Justice Swayze that "moving pictures, if properly conducted and censored, are one of the greatest elements of good for the community."

It is expected that when Justice Swayze charges the new Grand Jury on Tuesday he will have something to say about the enforcement of laws on the statute books, whether Grand Jurors like or dislike them. In anticipation of this possibility the Jersey City police will continue to keep the lid on the motion picture houses today, while the police of Hoboken, Bayonne, Union Hill and other municipalities in Hudson county over which the same Grand Jury has jurisdiction will permit films to be rolled off.

Chief of Police Frank Monahan of Jersey City said last night that he never heard before that a Grand Jury had authority to revoke a law. All laws look alike to him as long as they are on the statute books, he added, and therefore he considers it his duty to enforce the vice and immorality act.

"A thousand or more complaints against saloonkeepers for selling liquor on Sunday have been presented to Grand Jurors in the name of Chief Monahan said, and no indictments were returned. I imagine Grand Jurors don't like the Bishops act either."

Many church organizations in Jersey City have gone on record as opposing the opening of motion picture houses on Sunday. Fred O. Henn, counsel for the Jersey City movie men, and his clients will continue today their campaign against what the Grand Jury calls the "absurdity of the blue law."

SIX HURT IN FILM FIRE.

Dozen Houses Burn in New Rochelle After Factory Explosion.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Four girls and two men were badly burned today when a roll of film exploded in the plant of the Corcoran Chemical Company, 40 Charles street. A dozen houses, sheds and barns caught fire at once from the curtain of fire thrown by the explosion. Two houses were destroyed and nearly every other house on the block was damaged. The loss is placed at \$150,000.

The Misses Katherine McPherson, Emily McLelland, Helen May and Anna Muller and Joseph Muller and Brower Coester were trapped in the factory and escaped by jumping through the windows. They are in the New Rochelle Hospital.

In less than a minute after the explosion every house within a radius of 300 feet was ablaze. Mrs. Specht, an invalid, was carried through fire and smoke by Abraham Lieberman, a fireman, from her home in a frame apartment house. The volunteer fire department saved the block from destruction.

The Corcoran Chemical Company cleaned old motion picture films and reeled the celluloid bases to film manufacturers.

OUR BOOKLET OF
XMAS SUGGESTIONS
will be mailed to our
patrons upon request.

Stern Brothers

42nd and 43rd Streets, West of Fifth Avenue.

MAIL AND
TELEPHONE ORDERS
receive prompt attention.
Phone: 6700 Bryant

A Special Clearance, Monday, of a large collection of

Women's Suits, Afternoon and Evening Gowns

IN THE SMARTEST WINTER FASHIONS, ALL TAKEN FROM REGULAR STOCK, AND MARKED AT THE LOWEST PRICES QUOTED THIS SEASON.

Women's Smart Tailored Suits

of serges, gabardines, whipcords, broadcloths, wool velours, velveteens, corduroys and cheecs.

at \$17.50, 23.75 and 29.75

Afternoon and Evening Dresses

of serges, broadcloths, crepe de Chine, charmeuse, Georgette crepes and velveteens.

at \$14.50, 19.50 and 32.50

GREAT REDUCTIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE ON OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF WOMEN'S COATS

Women's Motor Coats

of corduroy, broadcloth and plush; trimmed with natural or dyed raccoon fur; lined throughout.

Special at \$29.75

Seasonable Street Coats

handsome models of desirable materials, lined throughout and warmly interlined.

Special at \$19.50

Women's Rain Coats

new models, of rubberized materials; very suitable for Holiday Gifts.

at \$5.50, 7.50 and 9.50

Jewelry

A very Important Sale, To-morrow, of Diamond, Platinum and Gold Novelties, at reductions of

25 to 50%

Platinum and Diamond

Bracelet Watches

at \$225.00 to \$525.00

Heretofore \$400.00 to \$350.00

Diamond and Pearl Ear

Rings, formerly \$55.00, \$38.50

Combination Bouquet & Bar Pin, diamond set,

formerly \$90.00, . . . at \$60.00

Gold Sewing Set, five

pieces, celluloid case, formerly \$85.00, . . . at \$65.00

Pink Coral Ring,

in antique setting; formerly \$117.00, . . . at \$89.00

Ring Watch, very unique,

formerly \$170.00, . . . at \$145.00

Platinum and Diamond

Brooch, large oval center; formerly \$275.00, \$206.00

Combination Watch and Bar Pin of

platinum and diamonds, regularly \$600.00, at \$375.00

Mesh Bags, 14-kt. gold,

6 inch pierced frame, formerly \$380.00, at \$165.00

Women's Smart Waists

A Holiday Offering Monday, on the Second Floor, will consist of several large and very advantageous purchases of new seasonable models, AT ONE-THIRD LESS THAN REGULARLY.

Women's Waists

of Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Radium Silk.

at \$3.95 and 5.75

Dressy Waists

of Radium Silk and Georgette combined, also Lace Waists.

Special at \$9.50

Women's Waists

of Lace, Marquisette and Georgette Crepes.

Special at \$7.50

French Lingerie Blouses

offering a wide choice of styles, at the extremely low prices of

\$9.75 to 24.50

Petticoats and Negligees

Appropriate for gifts, at very special prices, To-morrow, on the Main Floor.

Silk Jersey Skirts

Handsomely embroidered flounces in most desirable street shades.

\$5.00 & 5.75

Crepe de Chine Negligees

Prettily trimmed with flowers, net and laces; in beautiful colorings.

\$6.95 & 9.75

Taffeta Petticoats

Some with emb'd flounces; ruffled and tailored effects; also jersey tops

\$2.95 to 5.50

House Gowns

Of Albatross and French Flannel, in all desirable colorings.

\$2.95 to 7.75

Evening Skirts

of crepe de Chine, handsomely trimmed with ribbons and laces.

Special \$4.95

Velvet and Corduroy Robes

Some with shawl collar effects; others marabout or mouffon trimmed.

\$6.50 to 15.00

Handkerchiefs

AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES FOR MONDAY.

Women's Handkerchiefs

Pure linen; hand embroidered; assorted patterns in each box; Box of Six 75c, \$1.35 & 2.00

Women's Handkerchiefs

Pure linen; fancy hand embroidered initial; Box of Six 98c and \$1.35

Women's Handkerchiefs

Pure linen; hemstitched; Box of Six 55c & 85c

Children's Handkerchiefs

Linen with solid colored borders; in fancy boxes; Box of Six 50c

Men's Handkerchiefs

Pure linen; hemstitched; Box of Six 95c & \$1.30

Men's Handkerchiefs

Sheer linen; tape borders; Box of Six \$1.40

Men's Handkerchiefs

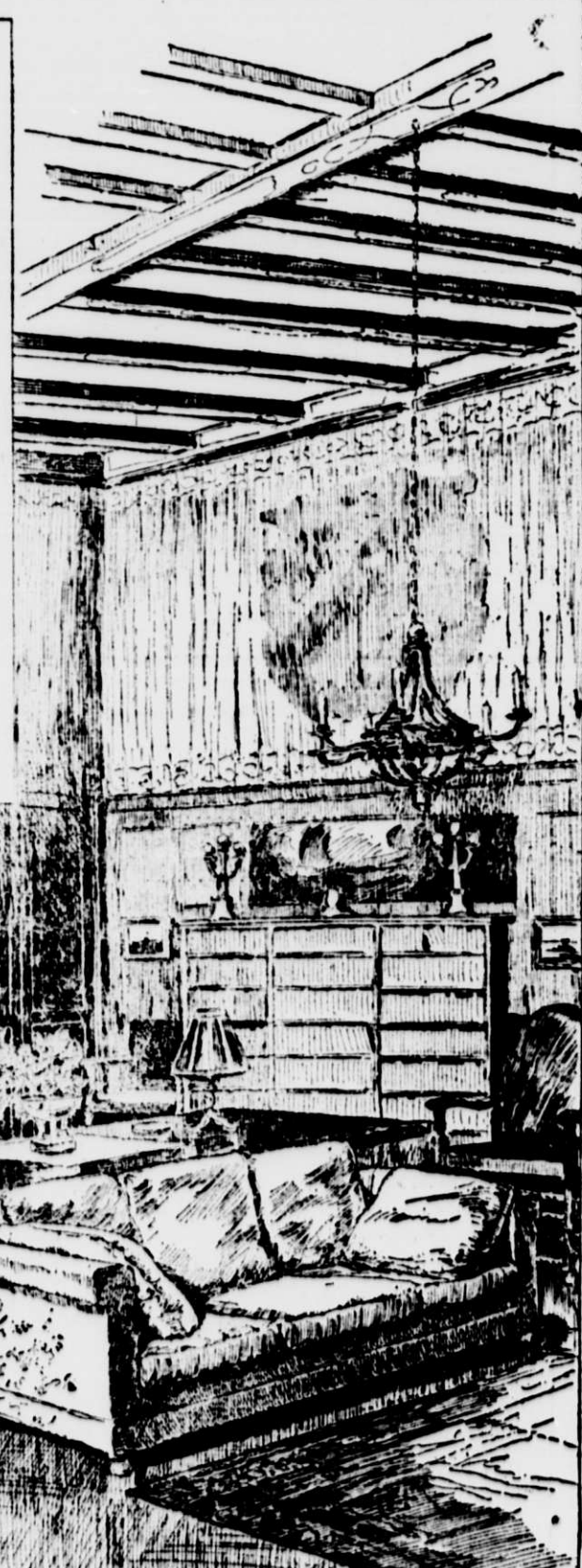
Pure linen; initial; Box of Six \$1.30 & 3.00

Gifts for the Man in Hampton Furniture

ABOUT much of the Furniture of olden times—no matter of what the country or the period—there was a flavour of sturdy masculinity that helped to dignify those historic rooms in which it found a home.

So, in searching for a man's gift at this season, recourse may well be had to the Hampton Shops. Here may be found the Library Table of dark and glossy oak, the Chair of walnut with its seat and back of artfully interwoven cane-work or the soft-cushioned Settee making so surely for comfort, which will please and satisfy the "man of the house."

HAMPTON SHOPS
34 AND 36 WEST 22d STREET
NEW YORK



Dress Fabrics

Very unusual values have been prepared for to-morrow, on the Second Floor, in

Dress Patterns

for Holiday Gifts

Included are Velour de Laines, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Gabardines, Serges, Silk and Wool Poplins, Mixed Tailor Suitings and other desirable weaves, in the season's latest and most fashionable colorings, also black.

Per Pattern:

\$3.75, 4.50 to 12.75

Women's Silk Underwear

obtained from the best known manufacturer of Glove Silk Undergarments, will be offered To-morrow, on the Main Floor,

AT VERY MUCH LESS THAN USUAL PRICES.

Glove Silk Vests

French band tops and embroidered fronts; various designs;

at \$2.25

Values up to \$8.75

Combination Suits

with French band tops and embroidered fronts;

at \$3.85

Values up to \$6.00

Glove Silk Bloomers,

an excellent assortment of popular styles and colors,

at \$2.45

Values up to \$4.00

Glove Silk Camisoles

in pink or white; embroidered and lace trimmed,

at \$1.50

Values up to \$2.50

Silk Umbrellas

SPECIAL FOR MONDAY:

Men's and Women's Umbrellas

Twilled and Taffeta Silks, close rolled; handles of sterling silver, gunmetal, cane and buckhorn; also natural and mission wood.

\$1.95 & 2.95

Men's and Women's Umbrellas

Heavy Silk, close rolled; handles of sterling silver, ivory and buckhorn; also imported novelty effects.

\$3.75 & 4.95

Imported Parasol and Umbrella

Handles; also Walking Sticks Gold and silver mounted, at moderate prices

Imported Linens

For Holiday Gifts

A large purchase of Decorative Pieces, trimmed with French handmade Cluny lace, will be offered Monday, on Special Tables on the Main Floor.

at 25 to 33 1/3% Below Regular Prices

SPECIAL FOR TO-MORROW:

Tumbler Doilies doz. \$2.50

Plate Doilies, doz. \$3.95, \$7.00

Centerpieces, . . . \$1.65, \$2.40, \$3.25

Tea Cloths, . . . \$4.50, \$6.75, 11.00

Luncheon Cloths, . . 11.00, 14.00, 16.50

Luncheon Sets, . . \$7.25, 12.75, 15.00

Dresser and Buffet

Scarfs, \$3.95, 4.75, 6.25

Initials, Monograms, Crests, Etc., embroidered by hand, on the premises, at very reasonable prices.

TOYS

Early shopping is advisable in this department on the Fourth Floor, because many of the most interesting novelties cannot be duplicated this season.

NOTEWORTHY VALUES FOR MONDAY

Dolls' White

Perambulators, \$8.75

Enamel finish; leatherette upholstery and hood; wheels have rubber tires.

No. 2 Flexible

Flyer, . . . at \$2.50

This is a very popular size of the best sled obtainable.

Mechanical

Automobile at \$5

Wind shield, lamps, brake and horn; rubber tired wheels; regular price \$7.75.

"Bing's" Electric

Train Set at \$5.00

Electric locomotive, tender, two cars and track.

EASTMAN KODAKS REDUCED